Educational qualifications as above are applicable to both gene, ral and SC/ST candidates.

For Sr. Telecom, Operating Asstt.;

The Recruitment Rules to the cadre of Sr. Telecom. Operating Asstt, is in the process of finalisation.

(d) Relaxed standards for SC/ST applies where selection is done through the method of departmental examination. Qualifying standards for SC/ST candidats are 33 per " cent marks as against 40 per cent for ICC candidates. There is further provision of reviewing the results of failed candidates who could not get 33 per cent marks subject to availability of vacancies.

Repair of telecommunication poles and wires in Azamgarh District in U.P.

2578. SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 22 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1993 and state:

(a) whether the repairs of telecommunication poles and wires which had been uprooted from Sikror to Martinganj, Tehsil, Pholpur in Azamgarh District of U.P. have since been carried out;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the repairs are likely to be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a): Yes Sir, the work is partly done.

(b) and (c) There is a proposal to open a new exchange at Chittepur a place between Martinganj and Sikror. Some portion of poles and wires between Martinganj and Sikror is being utilised for local and junction lines for Chittepur Exchange. This work will be completed by 15-3-94. Rest of the spare line has already been removed.

STD/ISD Booths lying idele in AHM Delhi

2579. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3636 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th August, 1993 and state:

(a) how many applications are received so far from the educated unemployed handicapped girls and boys for allotment of idle PCO booths at A.1.1.M.S., what are their details and when their applications were received;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of these applications for allotment of these booths at A.1.1.M.S. to the educated unemployed handicapped girls were recommended by the Members of Parliament to whom PCO has already been sanctioned by the competent authority; if so, what are the details in this regard and the decision taken thereon; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these booths have not been allotted so far to any one; if so, what are the specific reasons therefor and if allotted, the details of persons to whom these have been allotted, when their applications were received in the Mi. nistry and the terms and conditions of allotment of these booths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a): Three applications have been received